

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: January 31, 2007

Place: Room 24

Convened: 1/31/2007
10:20 AM

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Adjourned: 1/31/2007
10:50 AM

Present: Senators Danielson-CH, Appel-VC, Hahn-RM, Stewart
Representatives Hunter-CH, Kelley-VC, Alons-RM, Drake, J., Gaskill, M., Kressig,
Pettengill, Wiencek, Worthan

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Hartsuch

Co-Chair Rep. Hunter called to order at 9:50 a.m.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Rep. Alons moved to approve minutes. Sen. Stuart seconded the motion. The motion prevailed.

State Auditor Vaudt presented a summary of the State Auditor's Office functions, staffing, and budget. Auditor discussed an ongoing issue of special investigations. Normally, when a special investigation is conducted and billed for, the entity is unable to pay for the services. The members of the committee asked Auditor Vaudt several questions. Auditor Vaudt explained that he was working to develop a better way to maintain oversight in small communities that do not have an audit requirement. Sen. Danielson emphasized the need for performance audits and expressed a hope that the subcommittee could work with Auditor Vaudt on continuing and expanding performance audits.

Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board Executive Director Charlie Smithson presented an overview of the Board's responsibilities. Executive Director Smithson explained the \$5,000 increase is for adding additional electronic filing systems and a second fax machine and fax line. In particular, some improvements are being made in the electronic filing system that should make the system more user-friendly and be completed in March 2007.

Co-chairs Rep. Hunter and Sen. Danielson made announcements. Budget targets are tentatively expected on about February 23, 2007. The appropriations subcommittees are expected to continue two additional

Sen. Stuart moved to arise at 10:50 a.m.

Representative Bruce Hunter

Steven Mandernach, Committee Secretary